

**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Robert Allen Smith et al.

Serial No.: 10/715,337

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For: HYDRATABLE FORM OF KERATIN  
FOR USE AS A SOIL AMENDMENT

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Deborah K. Ware

Atty. Dkt. No.: KER020/4-1DIVUS

Confirmation No. 2390

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF JUNE 3, 2008**

**VIA EFS-WEB**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The present paper is filed in response to an Office Action of June 3, 2008, the due date for response for which is September 3, 2008. This Response is considered to be timely filed. No fees are believed to be due with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/KER020/4-1DIVUS/58000.

Entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.